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IF WE HAD BUT A DAY.

Scientists tell us there are many species of insects in the lower orders of animal life that are born into existence, live a life-time and die of old age within a minute of time. To them the minute of life is as much as the ten years to a cat, the seventy years to man, the one hundred years to a goose or swan or the thousand years to the whale. Yet no man of us is guaranteed the allotted span; the majority die far short of it, and multitudes without a day's notice. In reality it is a solemn truth that not one of us is guaranteed another moment of life. For this reason the good book and its exponents tell us to be ready at all times. Not knowing, then, that we have but a day—the present one—how should our time be improved? A little poem from Miss Dickinson fills the answer right here—

We should fill the hours with the sweetest things,
If we had but a day;
We should drink alone at the purest springs
In our upward way;
We should love with a lifetime's love in an hour,
If the hours were few;
We should rest, not for dreams but for
Fresher power
To be and to do;
We should guide our wayward or wearied will
By the clearest light;
We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills,
If they lay in sight;
We should trample the pride and discontent
Beneath our feet;
We should take whatever the good God sent
With a trust complete;
We should waste no moments in weak regret,
If the day were but one;
If we remember and what we forget
Went out with the sun;
We should be from our clamorous selves set
Free,
To work or to pray,
And to what the Father would have us be,
If we had but a day!

WE FLATTER ourselves that we have the best system of government on the face of the globe. But there are others who do not agree with us. In the British House of Lords recently the Marquis of Bath called attention to the appointments to the magistracy, more especially with reference to an organized movement to secure the alteration of the present system of nomination. He condemned the appointment of justices on political grounds, and deprecated any attempt to Americanize the system by treating the magisterial bench as the legitimate spoil of political victors. And it is a fact that we are woefully deficient in methods of securing our judges, as is also the case with many of our other public officials. The appointments of minor jobs falling under the Civil Service rules are about the only ones in which political "pulls" do not sway. Of all positions that of law magistrates should be the farthest removed from political pressure. Unfortunately, from Justice of the Peace to Supreme Court, politics rules, and the man that sits on the bench and has not his "ear to the ground" is a rare exception indeed. So far does this go in our American institutions that the anomalous and most reprehensible spectacle is some times presented of the ermine katowing to political foes in order to hold on to the seat that seems to have grown fast to the sitter.

JOHN S. WISE, of New York—but not unknown to Virginia—is one of those natures that must be always falling out with somebody, preferably a friend. He is now on President Roosevelt, over whom he recently gushed to the stopping point. What was it about? Well, as usual with such dispositions, there was nothing; but the excuse given by the irascible John is that Teddy has no right to go around making speeches upon child-labor, fellow-servant laws, and the like, but should devote his time to something else. An honorable and high Virginia politician was informed the other day that Jim Grouch, his loud adherent, was sore with him, and had "gone back on" him, and advised that he do something to propitiate the said Grouch. The statesman remarked that he had for years been handling Grouch gingerly but now he would do nothing more to win him—he had cost more to keep as a friend than he would cost as an enemy. Following this philosophy, when you find a man that has to be jollied and pandered to incessantly he is a dear friend, and you had better drop him, having as little to do with him as possible.

It has long been a saying that "whiskey money don't stick." The truth of this has been discerned by any man in business life. But it was never more apparent than today when the newspapers are full of crimes, many traceable to whiskey, cards and opiates, indulged in by the sons of wealthy men. It is striking how few, if any, sons of those who have handled whiskey, and through it gained wealth, come to a good end. It seems to cast a blight, even to the third and fourth generation.

BIG WARSHIP FLEET.

President Evidently Showing a Bluff at Japan.

Admiral Evans is to sail shortly with twenty of our biggest ships around the Horn to San Francisco. President Roosevelt wants the nations, especially Japan, to realize what we can do in the way of mobilizing.

Our naval activity is causing much excitement in the Philippines. Leading Philippine organs announce that they side with the Americans against the Japanese. All the Japanese laborers employed in the navy yard at Olangapo have been discharged.

Rear-Admiral W. J. Thompson, United States Navy, retired, who has returned from a short stay in the Orient, predicts a war with Japan within five years. Admiral Thompson says that war is inevitable, but he does not believe that Great Britain will assist her ally in such a struggle and thinks that while the Philippines may be lost at the real outset of the war, in the end the resources of the United States must result in defeat for the Japanese. He believes that in the event of hostilities France would give financial aid to Japan.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION NOTES.

With the American boys as orators and declaimers, and as musicians, "American Boy Day" at the Exposition was celebrated in a true American boy spirit by hundreds of American boys. The exercises were unique. Only two men—William S. Sprague, of Detroit, who worked up the day and President Tucker—took any part in the program. The other speakers were all boys under eighteen years of age. A number of orations and toasts, creditable to men, were made by boys from eleven to eighteen years.

An innovation in the way of Exposition attractions is upon the Warpath at Jamestown, and the nature of the exhibition is one calculated to draw largely from all classes of sightseers. When that famous play, "Ben Hur," had its premiere, the whole world was astounded with the spectacle of galloping horses attached to chariots apparently going at full speed on the stage, but these horses kept the scene going, at the most, for from thirty to the record of forty five seconds, and it was estimated that the latter figure could not be exceeded. The horse ridden in this production completes in full view of the audience, the whole journey from Charleston to Lexington Green, the different scenes en route being vividly presented by means of elaborately conceived, and artistically executed panoramas revolving in divers directions, and illuminated by most wonderful electrical effects. This is the first escalator, or moving stage ever erected in Virginia, and silently propelled by an enormous motor, runs at the rate of over thirty miles an hour. Some idea of the magnitude of the production can be gained, when it is stated that over twenty artists were necessary to make water-color drawings of the various places of interest throughout the ride, and the scenery has taken nearly a year to complete.

AFTER FLOATING DEN.

Vigorous action taken by Governor Swanson indicates clearly his purpose to exhaust every means at his command to put a stop to certain disgraceful practices within the border of the State, and to bring to speedy justice those who are openly violating Virginia laws by gambling, liquor selling and carousing on the Sabbath day.

During his stay at Jamestown last week His Excellency took up the matter of the Sunday violations and the general rowdiness heretofore indulged in at Pine Beach, and he received assurances from the Norfolk county authorities that proper steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence of the disorder. But a much more interesting and far-reaching case is that of the infamous gambling Ark in the Potomac river, to which the Governor has directed his attention. This contrivance, which has been in operation for some time; and which has defied the Virginia and Maryland authorities, is a sort of houseboat—a floating barroom and gambling den, paying no license and permitting its patrons to indulge in nearly every form of lawlessness.

Sunday is considered harvest time for the gambling ark. It anchors somewhere near the Virginia-Maryland line in the Potomac and sends small boats to Alexandria, Washington, Georgetown and other nearby points to bring in the "sports," who are said to be the "wildest bunch" who ever operated in that community.

There will be only four candidates before the Northumberland Democratic primary in July—Towles and Rice, for Commonwealth's Attorney, and Jett and Mayo, for the House of Delegates. Candidates for the county offices—Booth for Treasurer, and Flynn for Sheriff—have no opposition, and have been declared the nominees.

Amongst the southern men who are being urged by their friends for the Democratic nomination for president, it will not do to overlook Governor Folk, of Missouri. He was the original proponent of grafters and was a reformer before President Roosevelt had woken up to the political possibilities of that role. In Tennessee there seems to be a folk boom judged by the fact that an enterprising citizen of Brownsville has bid \$1,000 that "Joe Folk" will be the next president.

LIBRARIAN KENNEDY OUT.

At the long-awaited session held in Richmond Saturday night, the State Library Board, by a vote of 3 to 2, accepted the resignation of Librarian John P. Kennedy, and unanimously elected Dr. Henry R. McIlwaine, of Hampden-Sidney, college to succeed him.

The decision, which is believed will end the long and turbulent controversy in the library, which has distracted the staff of the institution and created discordant factions, was forecast in the recent election of Mr. Pendleton to the Board in place of Mr. Meredith.

SOME DEATHS.

Captain William C. Wilkinson, formerly on the police force and later with the City Engineering Department, and one of the best-known men in Richmond, died last week at the Virginia Hospital. He was grand tiler of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia.

Mrs. Jno. Simonson, of Simonsons, Richmond county, who was taken to Baltimore about two weeks ago by Dr. Blight Harrison for an operation, died in a hospital in that city Sunday night. She was about 50 years of age and is survived by her husband, one son and a daughter, Mrs. E. D. Booker. Interment at Farnham Baptist church.

At 8:15 o'clock Wednesday morning of this week the spirit of Mrs. Virginia Eubank, which had for the past two weeks reluctantly remained in its earthly tabernacle, fled to the God which gave it. Mrs. Eubank's long life had been one of exceptional Christian beauty and her devotion to and untiring labors in the church of her choice—the Baptist faith—is worthy of imitation. She had nearly reached the allotted span of life—three score years and ten—when the end came, which was directly from a stroke of paralysis suffered some two weeks before. Mrs. Eubank, with her three single daughters, had but recently moved to Kilmarnock from Ottomano, where she lived with her son, Dr. Eubank, until his death in March. She is widow of the late Thos. Eubank, and is survived by a son, T. J. Eubank, and two married daughters, Mrs. Wilmer Harding and Mrs. Rock, all of Northumberland county, besides the three daughters who were her companions in old age. Interment was at 11 o'clock Thursday morning in the family burying ground at the old Eubank home near Lancaster Court-house.

Upper Lancaster was shocked Friday evening last by the sudden death of Mrs. K. L. Gould, of Monakson. She was in her usual good health all day. About 6:30 o'clock Mr. Peckham, a cousin of Mr. Gould, called to see them, but not being any one went in and called for Mr. Gould. After awhile he heard a faint cry, "Go after some one; I am sick." Mr. Peckham at once went for Mrs. Jesse Gould and Mrs. F. B. George, who were only a few minutes getting there. They found the young woman lying on the floor, face down, saying, "I am dying; take care of my child," and with that jumped from the bed on which she had been placed a few moments before and expired in a few seconds on the floor. Although the doctor reached there in less than an hour after sent for, he found her dead, and pronounced death due to heart failure. Mrs. Gould was 21 years of age and of the true Christian type, steadfast and unmovable in her faith. She leaves to mourn their loss a heart-broken husband, one little girl of two summers and a host of friends. She was laid to rest Sunday at 11:30 o'clock in Bethel cemetery by the side of her mother and father, who had but recently gone before her. The burial services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Williams, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. BY A FRIEND.

SOME WEDDINGS.

Miss Virginia L. Hayes, of Gloucester, and Hamilton L. Rice, of Middlesex, were married in Baltimore last week.

Miss Annie Spriggs, of White Stone, was married last week in New York city to Mr. Felix Pittman, a prosperous business man of North Carolina.

Miss India Garner Gayle and Mr. Frank Bland Dutton were married June 26 at Ware Neck church, Gloucester county. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. E. F. Garner. Little Miss Hilda Garner was flower girl, and carried a large bouquet of magnolias.

It has been intimated by some of the friends of the young couple that Byrd Wright, a young merchant of Lively, but formerly of Tappahannock, and Miss Elsie Ball, daughter of Thos. Ball, of lower Northumberland county, are in Washington, whether they went to be married on Wednesday of this week.

As forecasted in this paper last week Hon. F. G. Walker, Mayor of Colonial Beach, and Miss Hannah May Gorman, daughter of Terence J. Gorman, of Washington, were married at the parsonage of St. Mary's Catholic church, Annapolis, Wednesday evening of last week. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walker left for Colonial Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McLaurine, of Ballsville, Powhatan county, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edna Earle, to Mr. Thomas J. Sheppard, the marriage to take place at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, near Ballsville, next month. Miss McLaurine is sister of Mrs. R. M. Sanders, of White Stone, and well known in lower Lancaster, where she taught a few years back and has visited several times.

NEWS ITEMS.

Watch boat in James river last week captured one McNeal, an old offender, working out of season.

Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, of San Francisco, has been convicted of extortion and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

The resident of W. H. Loving, in Essex county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. Loss, \$1,000, insurance \$500, in the Northern Neck Mutual Fire Association.

A movement is on foot among the people of Nelson county to erect a costly monument to Theodore Roosevelt, who was shot and killed by Judge W. G. Loving for the alleged mistreatment of his daughter. This movement is mostly among the ladies, though by no means confined to them, who alone have raised \$150 for the purpose.

BOX LAWN SOCIAL.

The ladies will hold a Box and Lawn Social in the church yard at White Marsh Wednesday, July 17th, 1907, beginning at 5 p. m. Refreshments will be on sail. Plenty of amusements will be of interest. Proceeds for worthy cause.

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Capt. Luther Headley, who has been sick so long, has gone to Washington for medical treatment.

S. A. Headley, who has been with us for a long time, left Monday for Sharps, where he expects to spend the rest of the summer.

J. T. Reamy, who is working for T. H. Fallin, visited his home Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Headley, who has been visiting friends at Lottsburg, is home again.

Capt. Hall and family, who have been absent since March, have returned home.

Ben Davis' little son has been ill, but we are glad to report him improved at this writing.

Mrs. L. J. Walker, of Rainswood, is visiting her daughter here this week.

WHO AM I?

BLUFF POINT.

Mrs. Annie Toulson, of Reedville, is the guest of Mrs. A. J. Gaskins.

Snowden Hall and sister, Miss Daisy, spent a few days in the Monumental City last week.

Captain B. L. Potter attended District Conference at Mathews this week.

Miss Lorette Werner, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ambrose Cox.

Mrs. Mamie Hopkins and two little children, of Washington, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Wesley Rock.

Mrs. C. E. Russell and little son and daughter, of Annapolis, and Miss Bessie Davis, of Nebraska, are visiting Miss Kate Potter.

Miss Margaret Henderson is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Bessie Barrett, of Wicomico, is spending the summer with her father, Miss Pinkard Harcum, of Blackwell, is visiting at the home of James 4th Kelly.

RAINSWOOD.

Miss Clara Forrester, who has been visiting her sister in Hulls Neck, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Elmore and Mrs. Maranda Rowe visited at the home of the former's niece, Mrs. L. Y. Bryant, recently.

Mrs. John Brown visited her uncle, L. Y. Bryant, last week.

The Faith Healer's meeting at Cockrell's Corner Sunday was slimly attended.

Richard Rowe met with an accident Sunday while returning from church. He was run into by Fred Luttrell. Mr. Rowe is very much indisposed at this writing.

Will Wilson's little child is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Headley spent Sunday with the former's father, S. E. Headley.

Messrs. John and Henry Thrift, of Village and Washington, visited their sister, Mrs. Joseph Headley, Sunday.

Those on the sick list are: Addison Lewis, Mrs. Leroy Lewis and Mrs. Joseph Forrester. We hope they will soon be out again.

R. A. Cockrell is spending a week or two with his father, W. D. Cockrell.

Messrs. Luther Booth and Rice Walker have returned from Washington.

One night last week Mrs. H. A. Straughan lost eight ducks, presumably killed by a dog. A few nights later S. E. Headley caught a fowl-killing dog in his chicken house.

Mrs. Alice Winstead, widow of the late Dandridge Winstead, has moved to Farnham, which place will be her future home.

Tyler Davis, of Miskimon, visited W. D. Cockrell Sunday.

Lloyd Lewis, who has been indisposed, is out again.

R. D. Elmore is very much indisposed with rheumatism. L. Y. Bryant, little Jennie Pearson and Mrs. E. J. Rowe are also sick.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Purcell visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Pearson, at Maudsley Park, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Bryant, of this place, visited latter's sister, Mrs. Charles H. Jones, at Sandy Point, a couple days last week.

WHITE LILY.

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Miss Cora Webb has returned to her home near Lancaster Courthouse after a successful millinery season at W. J. Marsh's. Miss Cora is greatly missed by numerous friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. Good has two saw-mills at work in the woods of J. B. Marsh.

Messrs. Taylor, M. A. Gill and C. Hinton went on a fishing excursion on the Fourth.

T. J. Downing has had erected a pair of stone gate posts.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable

season, the Abundance plum trees are loaded to their utmost capacity. For fruitfulness, this tree is a marvel with us, but not near salt water.

Mrs. Frank Edwards, of Sampsons Wharf, shipped over \$20 worth of gooseberries this season, and gathered from a single bush the gallons.

We hope J. T. Beane will push his candidacy for the office of County Supervisor as we need a member of this board in our neighborhood to take some interest in our roads. There is not a decent foot-path from Providence to Miskimon and the drive-way is execrable.

MAGNET LIFTS TONS.

Through the application of a familiar, simple boyhood plaything the Pennsylvania railroad saves hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in time, in wages, and in wear and tear. It is the ancient horseshoe magnet of the school days which clusters of needles, nails and knife blades were picked up and suspended indefinitely. But instead of the needles and nails and knife blades, now it is heavy steel rails, scrap iron, wheels, castings, ingots, pig iron, and everything in which steel or iron appears.

For years the loading or unloading of freight cars filled particularly with iron or steel was one of the most inconvenient, tedious and expensive operations of railroad work says the New York Herald. It always took large numbers of men, and they were required to handle each piece separately, with all the attendant delays.

Tediousness means time, and the object of the railroad of today is to annihilate time.

When it came time for the Pennsylvania railroad to rebuild its terminal freight yards at Greenville, Jersey City, facing on New York harbor, there cropped up that old problem or how to handle the iron.

Greenville stands to railroad terminals as the mouth of the Mississippi does to rivers. Every second of the day and night, 365 days in the year, a vast volume of freight pours into it, and this must be distributed for Europe or North, South, East or West. They handle cars there by the hundred thousands, and they handle freight by the millions of tons. It was wearisome to think that so much of it was to be handled in the old laborious way. The men who planned the new Pennsylvania became impatient.

"There must be some other way," they declared. "It must be found"—and according to custom they concluded by saying, "Find it!"

The word went forth to all the men of the country who work at that sort of thing. "We must find some new way," so they began to cudgel their brains and rumble their hair over the problem.

Out in Cleveland there was A. C. Eastwood, and he found himself puzzling over the order like all the others. One day, it is not known how, he remembered the magnet of his boyhood days. That solved the problem. He began to experiment, and the result of that experiment is now in active operation over in the yard, doing every day the work of a score of men, saving hours and hours at it, cutting down expenses, and above all cutting down the time of handling, which is the main thing.

Mr. Eastwood's device is the electro-magnet, a simple contrivance looking like a double crown of corrugated iron and steel, its two poles strongly marked, with its armatures concealed, and all suspended from the chains of a heavy crane. Around this chain is wrapped the current wire, which gives the thing life or takes it away.

Nowadays a big steel car, piled high with rails, or pig iron, or scrap iron, or wheels, rolls within reach of the crane, and the man in charge swings the magnet over it. It descends and rests upon the load. A button is pressed and suddenly these rails appear alive. They fairly leap up to the magnet, ten tons of them at a time, all in neat and orderly array.

As the crane hoists, the pieces of metal swing clear almost without a rasp or sound, and then just as noiselessly they fall into the new place appointed, in the car or out of it into a waiting barge or on blocks. It is all so simple and easy. It is the same way with scrap iron.

JUDGES DISAGREE OVER A LIE.

A dispatch from Chicago says that Judge Willard McEwen's declaration that a lie in court under oath was permissible—even justifiable—when spoken in defence of a woman's honor, has divided the bench of Chicago, and caused no end of discussion.

Judge McEwen, who is founder of the now famous "Sunrise Divorce Court," declared:

"Lie like a gentleman to shield a woman."

Much depends on the woman, Judge, but it is a gallant speech, even if it isn't good law.

Mark Twain relates that Tom Sawyer once stood up in school and falsely said, "I done it," in order to shield a girl who had committed some breach of discipline; then took his whipping like a cavalier; and Mark further declares that it was a grand and glorious lie, worthy to pass down the corridors of time arm in arm with the George Washington cherry-tree incident.

But Judge MacKenzie Cleland says that he can conceive of no circumstance in which a lie is justifiable.

There are various definitions of a lie. Some diplomat has said that a lie is a false statement to a person who has the right to know the truth, and who would feel called upon to speak the exact truth about his private concerns in reply to questions from an impertinent polly.

Moreover, we should like to have a decision from Judge Cleland on the following "circumstance": Three men were engaged in a business which was on the verge of bankruptcy. One of the men, who we shall call Smith, called upon the proprietor of another concern whose name shall be Jones, and offered to sell. Jones replied that he was willing to buy, but for good reasons was unwilling that the other partners should know it. He therefore exacted a promise from Smith that under no circumstances would he let his associates know that Jones had offered to buy. Having given his word, Smith sought his partners and disclosed his plan. No sooner had he done so, however, than one of them asked pointedly: "Does the offer come from Jones?" What reply should Smith have made? This is a true story, and it may be added that Smith was a truthful man and a man of his word.—Times-Dispatch.

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